

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Harold Eugene Wood was born on September 19, 1923, to Walter and Zilpha Wood on a farm near Colome, South Dakota, the youngest of his family; and,

*Whereas*, Harold graduated from Colome High School, attended Southern Normal College in Springfield, was called to serve his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and following his honorable discharge in 1946, attended South Dakota State University in Brookings earning an animal science degree; and,

*Whereas*, Harold married Arydth Jean Stracke in December 1946, and gave life and love to 4 children: Eugenie, Mary, Cathy, and Brad, who in turn presented them with seven grandchildren; and,

*Whereas*, Harold farmed until 1955 after which he served until his retirement as the Sully and Brown County Extension Agent coordinating the 4-H programs in the area with the cooperation of 4-H leaders and other Extension employees; and,

*Whereas*, Harold assisted with the formation of the Central South Dakota 4-H Rodeo and the State 4-H Rodeo Association, he received the Central SD 4-H Rodeo Service Award for his efforts, and also received several other awards and recognition for his contributions and service to the American Legion, Masonic Lodge, Yelduz Shrine, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, and his church; and,

*Whereas*, Harold continues to enjoy golfing, fishing, hunting, gardening, photography, traveling and the various activities of his grandchildren; and,

*Whereas*, Harold now resides in Aberdeen, South Dakota, and will observe his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather on August 2, 2003, to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 19, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all his many friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

